



Garib Nawaz Employment Scheme

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Recently, the **Union Minister for Minority Affairs** replied in the Parliament that **a total number of 371 training centers under Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme were opened** across the country.

Key Points

About Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme:

- It was **launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs in 2017**.
- **Maulana Azad Education Foundation**, an autonomous body under the aegis of Ministry of Minority Affairs, implements the Scheme.
- The main aim of this scheme is **to provide short term job oriented skill development courses to minorities' youth** in order to enable them for skill based employment.
- This scheme is implemented **as per common norms of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSD&E)** through the empanelled **Program Implementation Agencies (PIAs)**.
- The PIA is **mandated to place minimum 70% trainees** out of total trained trainees.
- The **monthly stipend for maximum of three months and post placement support for maximum of two months** after getting employment are also being paid to the beneficiaries directly into their account.

Minorities

- The term **"Minority"** is not defined in the Indian Constitution. However, the Constitution **recognises only religious and linguistic minorities**.
6 Minority Communities in India: Jain, Parsi, Buddhist, Christian, Sikh and Muslim (notified by the Government).

- **Constitutional Provisions:**

- **Article 29:** It provides that any section of the citizens residing in any part of India having a distinct language, script or culture of its own, shall have the right to conserve the same.

It grants protection to both religious minorities as well as linguistic minorities.

- **Article 30:** Under the article, all minorities shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice.

The **protection under Article 30 is confined only to minorities** (religious or linguistic) and does not extend to any section of citizens (as under Article 29).

- **Article 350-B:** The 7th Constitutional (Amendment) Act 1956 inserted this article which provides for a Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities appointed by the President of India.

- **Legal Provisions:**

- National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act, 1992.
- National Commission for Minority Education Institution (NCMEI) Act, 200

Other Schemes for Minority Communities:

- Prime Minister's 15 Point Programme
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram
- Seekho aur Kamao
- Usttad (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)
- Garib Nawaz Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- Nai Manzil (for formal skilling of school dropouts)
- Nai Roshni (for leadership Development of Minority Women)
- Begum Hazrat Mahal Girls scholarships

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